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'Irreparable Harm' Seen in Sale of CIA Data to Russ

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WASHINGTON—U.S. security has been dealt "irreparable harm" by detailed descriptions of an electronic surveillance system that a former CIA employe is accused of selling to the Russians, intelligence sources said Friday.

Sections of a manual outlining the highly secret system were delivered to a Soviet agent in Athens by William P. Kampiles, 23, of Chicago, according to a complaint filed by the FBI in a federal court in Chicago. Kampiles was arrested Thursday.

A U.S. magistrate in Chicago Friday set an unusually high bond of \$1 million for Kampiles, who was being held in a federal detention center there.

In Washington, a high-ranking government source said that "this man has done irreparable harm to our country."

"It's an extremely sensitive matter," the source added. "One of the problems is that to prosecute we might have to release classified information, and we just can't do that."

It was learned that CIA Director Stansfield Turner had called Atty. Gen. Griffin B. Bell on what the intelligence agency terms a "secure phone" to brief him on the case before Kampiles was arrested.

In addition, Turner visited the White House to discuss the case with Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's assistant for national security affairs.

The FBI said that Kampiles had been employed as a watch officer for the CIA from March to November, 1977. During that period, he allegedly removed a top-secret document entitled "KH-11, System Technical Manual" from CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., and kept it when he moved to Chicago.

Late last February or early March, Kampiles sold sections of the sensitive document to a Soviet agent code-named "Michael" in Athens for \$3,100, the FBI said.

Apparently to prevent leaks of classified information, U.S. Magistrate Olga Jurco of Chicago placed under court seal an eight-page affidavit by FBI special agent Rickey P. Knapp that accompanied the official complaint.

But U.S. Atty. Thomas P. Sullivan said in a statement that the CIA manual allegedly stolen by Kampiles dealt with "a sensitive technical collection system."

"The operation of this system as described in detail in the technical manual directly relates to our national defense," Sullivan said.

It could not be learned whether the electronic system was used in the United States or abroad, or whether it involved the operation of spy satellites.

The FBI said Kampiles had given the Russians the cover page, the table of contents and Section 1 of the CIA manual.

The \$1 million bond set for Kampiles is rare, although two Soviet employes of the United Nations accused of espionage against the United States were held in New Jersey last June on \$2 million bail each.

The Russians were temporarily freed on June 26 as part of a U.S.-Soviet deal in which American businessman Francis J. Crawford, accused of currency violations by the Russians, was freed in Moscow to await trial.

In recent years the highest money bail imposed in other espionage cases has been \$100,000.